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Mr. Michael Junge
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Jamestown, RI 02835

Subj: YOUR FOIA REQUEST (DON-NAVY-2022-010179)

Dear Mr. Junge:

This letter is our final response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), assigned tracking number DON-NAVY-2022-010179, dated July 6, 2022, for a copy of the investigation related to the February 2019 removal of Commanding Officer, Coastal Riverine Squadron 3.

After an exhaustive search, the enclosed 46 pages of the investigation with its enclosures are the documents responsive to your request. However, these documents contain personal identifiers of third parties, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, your request is partially denied and withheld from release pursuant to the FOIA provisions 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

In accordance with Navy policy, all fees have been waived.

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. If you have any questions, please contact me at arthur.r.blum2.mil@us.navy.mil or 757-462-4316, ext. 186.

You have the right to an appeal. Your appeal must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at:

Navy Expeditionary Combat Command
Attn: Force Judge Advocate
1575 Gator Blvd, Suite 317
Virginia Beach, VA 23459-3024

There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIAonline or by mail.

a. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to

FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

b. By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000,
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at david.c.rowley.mil@us.navy.mil or 757-462-4316, ext. 413. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "AR" followed by a stylized flourish.

A. R. BLUM
Captain
Judge Advocate General's Corps
United States Navy
Force Judge Advocate